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Mr. James W. Warr, Director  
Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
1751 Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Mr. Warr:

The Environmental Protection Agency has completed review of the adopted revisions to Alabama's water quality regulations which were submitted by letter dated October 10, 1997. These revisions to the State's water quality standards regulations are contained in Chapter 355-6-11 (Water Use Classifications) of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Administrative Code and were adopted on April 22, 1997 by the Alabama Environmental Management Commission (AMEC). The water quality standards revisions were certified by the State Attorney General by letter dated May 30, 1997.

In accordance with Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR Part 131, EPA is hereby approving these revisions to the State water quality standards. The EPA is hereby approving the following water bodies in Chapter 335-6-11, Water Use Classifications for Interstate and Intrastate Waters:

Chapter 335-6-11 Revisions:

- 1) **The Cahaba River Basin:** Buck Creek (from Shelby County Road 44 to its source): This water body has been approved for a partial upgrade.
- 2) **The Coosa River Basin:** Coosa River (from Bouldin Dam to Alabama Highway 111): This river has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 3) **Bouldin Tailrace Canal:** (from Coosa River to Socapatoy Creek, and from Socapatoy Creek to Norfolk Southern Railway): This canal has been approved for a partial upgrade.
- 4) **Hatchet Creek:** (from Norfolk Southern Railway to junction of East Fork Hatchet Creek and West Fork Hatchet Creek): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 5) **East Fork Hatchet Creek:** (from Hatchet Creek to its source): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 6) **West Fork Hatchet Creek:** (from Hatchet Creek to its source): This creek has been approved for partial upgrade.

- 7) **The Mobile River-Mobile Bay Basin:** Hog Bayou: (from Chickasaw Creek to its source): This bayou has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 8) **The Perdido/Escambia River Basin:** Pigeon Creek: (from Piney Woods Creek to its source): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 9) **Unnamed Tributary:** (from Pigeon Creek to its source): This tributary has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 10) **Rocky Creek:** (from Persimmon Creek to County road crossing north of Chapman): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 11) **Hollinger Creek:** (from Road 5 miles east of Bay Minette to its source): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 12) **The Tallapoosa River Basin:** Sougahatchee Creek: (from County Road 11 crossing to Pepperell Branch): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 13) **Sugar Creek:** (from Elkahatchee Creek to its source): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 14) **The Upper Tombigbee River Basin:** Little Bear Creek: (from Bear Creek to Highway 82): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 15) **The Warrior River Basin:** Village Creek: (from Locust Fork to Bayview Lake): This creek has been approved for a full upgrade.
- 16) **Five Mile Creek:** (from Locust Fork to Newfound Creek): This creek has been approved for a partial upgrade.
- 17) **Lost Creek:** (from Alabama Highway 124 to Downey Branch): This creek has been approved for a partial upgrade.
- 18) **Lost Creek:** (from U.S. Highway 78 crossing one mile southeast of Carbon Hill to its source): This creek has been approved for a partial upgrade.
- 19) **Cane Creek:** (Oakman): (from Alabama Highway 69 to its source): This creek has been approved for a partial upgrade.
- 20) **Cane Creek:** (Jasper): (from Town Creek to its source): This creek has been approved for a partial upgrade.

- 21) Town Creek: (from 100 yards upstream of Southern Railway crossing (1.1 miles upstream of Cane Creek) to its source): This creek has been approved for a partial upgrade.

These revisions to the State's water quality standards represent your Department's continuing efforts to protect the quality of Alabama waters. Congratulations to you and your staff on your efforts and accomplishments reflected in the adopted water quality standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGhee", written in a cursive style.

Mike McGhee, Director  
Water Management Division

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